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SUBJECT: NATO SPECIALIZATION

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SUMMARY:THIS MESSAGE SUGGESTS A SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR CONSIDERATION
IN FUTURE EFFORT ON MARITIME SPECIALIZATION IN THE AREA OF TRAINING
RESOURCES. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. THE NATO SPECIALIZATION STEERING GROUP-MARITIME SUBGROUP
CONCLUDED, IN ITS FINAL REPORT, THAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR
SPECIALIZATION PROBABLY EXIST IN THE AREA OF TRAINING RESOURCES,
ESPECIALLY THOSE USED FOR SIMULATION OF THE ENEMY FOR OPERATIONAL
TRAINING.

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2. IN PARAGRAPH 5.D OF REFTL, MISSION SUGGESTED THAT US PROPOSE
IN EWG THAT NEW TRADE-OFF STUDIES OF MILITARY FUNCTIONS BE UNDER-
TAKEN. ONE SUCH STUDY COULD BE MADE IN THE FIELD OF TRAINING
RESOURCES FOR FORCES AFLOAT.

3. MISSION IS AWARE THAT TELEDYNE RYAN AERONAUTICAL HAS, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS DEVELOPED A TRAINING TARGET SUPPORT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE BOTH AERIAL AND SURFACE TARGETS FROM A DEDICATED TARGET SHIP FOR OPERATIONAL TRAINING OF FORCES AFLOAT. WE BELIEVE THAT A PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE MERITS EVALUATION BY THE EWG. OPNAV (OP-05), NAVMAT(310), DDR&E(R. BASIL) AND STAFF COMSIXFLEET HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY TELEDYNE RYAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS PROGRAM WITHIN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

4. IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR THE US TO RECOMMEND THE TELEDYNE RYAN PROGRAM NOW. HOWEVER, THE US MIGHT WELL SUGGEST THAT THE EWG CONSIDER THE FIELD OF TRAINING RESOURCES FOR MARITIME FORCES AS AN AREA FOR A SPECIFIC RATIONALIZATION STUDY. IF THERE IS AGREEMENT TO THIS PROPOSAL IN THE EWG, THEN THOSE TASKED TO CONDUCT THE STUDY COULD BE MADE AWARE OF THE TELEDYNE RYAN PROGRAM FOR CONSIDERATION. EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVES OF TELEDYNE RYAN ARE CONTINUING TO REFINE AND UP-DATE THEIR PROGRAM AND ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT ANY TIME.

5. IF US WERE TO TAKE ON TASK OF PROVIDING SERIAL AND SURFACE TARGET SUPPORT SERVICES FOR NATO NAVIES WE MAY ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

A. COUNTER, TO A DEGREE, THE EUROPEAN FEELING (REFERENCE A) THAT THROUGH SPECIALIZATION THEY WILL TAKE ON ONLY THE LESS ATTRACTIVE SUPPORT TASKS WHILE US TAKES ON MORE ATTRACTIVE TECHNICAL TASKS, AND PROVIDE A TRADE-OFF FOR EUROPEAN ACCEPTANCE OF SUPPORT TASKS PROPOSED BY THE US.

B. DEMONSTRATE MARITIME SPECIALIZATION IN ACTION; I.E. ONE NATION PROVIDE SERVICES FOR OTHERS WHILE THEY IN TURN INVEST FUNDS THUS MADE AVAILABLE IN OTHERWISE UNFUNDED NATO DEFENSE TASKS.

C. MEET AN OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT OF BOTH US AND NATO NAVIES BY PROVIDING ECONOMIC, RELIABLE AND REALISTIC SURFACE
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AND SERIAL TARGET TRAINING SERVICES.

D. IMPROVE READINESS OF NATO NAVIES.

6. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.
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